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RE: Information Regarding ATT/Comcast Merger

Dear Cornmissioner Abemathy:

1 am the Vice President and General Counsel of Stargate.net, Inc., an Internet service provider ("ISP"), headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with satellite offices in Erie, PA; Beckley, WV; and Hagerstown, MD. As such, I am very interested in the proposed AT&T Broadband/Comcast Corp. merger and the potential effect that it could have on competition and the ability of independent Internet providers to offer their services. I have, therefore, been following the details of this merger and I am aware of the public pledge made by AT&T Broadband and Comcast Corp., in connection with their plan to merge their operations into the nation's largest cable provider, to (i) open their cable lines to competing ISPs and (ii) negotiate mutually beneficial service agreements with such **ISPs.**

I have not been able, however, to locate infomation regarding specific requirements or legal safeguards mandated by the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") as a condition to the FCC's approval of the merger as was the case with the AOL/Time Warner merger.

As a concerned provider of ISP services to over 80,000 subscribers, most of which overlap in the AT&T/Comcast footprint in our region, Stargate management is very interested in making sure that legal safeguards are put in place as a condition precedent to the AT&T/Comcast merger so that competition will not be squelched as a result of the creation of such a monopolistic entity.

Would you please provide me with a copy of any written materials detailing any potential safeguards requested by the FCC as a condition to the FCC's approval of the AT&T/Comcast merger or information as to where I might be able to locate such materials.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at **412-316-** 2852 or at the above address. Thank you for your time and assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

Dara Mancini Henne VP and General Counsel Stargate.net, Inc.

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Chief Operating Officer, Stargate.net, Inc.